

View in Palisades Interstate Park, Along the Hudson.

Millions know their city parks from everyday use, and they have been or hope to go to their national parks, but the phrase "state parks" is new to them. Even most reference books will be searched in vain for any mention of these newest of public recreation grounds.

State parks are pocket editions of our great National Park system. They are the stop-over places of the motorist. They perch on barren peaks and preserve tree-bowered lovers' lanes beside running brooks. They take in such shrines as Lincoln's birthplace and James Whitcomb Riley's "old swimmin' hole." They perpetuate far older history than that to be found in history textbooks. Starved Rock park, Illinois, commemorates the time when America's inland region was a sea; when the cosmic happenings of miltions of years ago deposited the shells and precipitated the lime which formed the magnesium layer of this

Iowa invited its citizens to an hour's auto ride from "prairie land to fairyland." In Wisconsin you can rent an island for ten dollars a year. State parks save the open play spaces amid dense populations of the East and they keep out encroaching farm lands of the Middle West. kip Van Winkle sought surcease in skittles from a shrewish spouse, but the city man today, harried by a hundred worries, can take wife and children for a 48-hours' rest to the hills where Rip retreated.

Our own parks bear evidence of our new governmental ideal. Originally a park, says Noah Webster, was "an inclosed piece of ground stocked with beasts of the chase, held by prescription or the king's grant." Today a park might be defined as "an unined piece of ground stocked beasts, not to be chased, or killed, held by prescription of the people for their

Nobody knows exactly how many state parks there are in 1923. Two years ago a survey by the National Park service showed that 26 states had state parks. The movement has taken such a hold within the last few years that the park areas within those states has expanded materially and there, and go back year after year, other states have embarked upon park programs.

Hartford Set the Example. Hartford has a park which is an

early example of the best sort of civic be termed a "park de luxe" is the publicity and also established a park | beautiful Starved Rock State park in most of the statistics and slogans tive apparatus. which greet you upon huge signboards placed along the railway tracks by trade bodies of many enterprising cities. But nobody who has entered the Itasca State park in Minnesota, Hartford by train, in daylight, is likely to forget the sylvan beauty of Bush- and a lake, with fish of many species, nell park, which adjoins the station with the tree-shaded Connecticut cap- duced. itol building set on its central hill.

Horace Bushnell worked for five years to persuade his neighbors to tax Bushnell park is a monument marking people bought a tract with their own money to be used as a public park.

Exactly opposite to the days when feudal barons used a park to keep the public out is the era when the essen-Auto and Sovereign Pedestrian must that she has a motorists' camp in people. Iowa avers that she has more

New York, with forty reservations. comprising nearly 2,000,000 acres, heads the list of states in the extent of her park system. Ten million people, it is estimated, can reach the Pall- there all summer. sades Interstate park in a two-hour ride by auto or boat.

cause they protect the vitally import-ant watersheds in the north of the state. Upon this protection depends Hodgenville. A third is Mammoth cave.
the great industrial enterprises which State parks are being welded into use hydro-electric power.

three and a third million acres of the | nually in one of the parks for the dis-Adirondack park in New York state, a cussion of common problems

(Prepared by the National Geographic So- park with primeval forests and numer-clety, Washington, D. C.)

Historic Sites and Scenery.

State pride in characteristic natural features and historic sites frequently determines the selection of the state some of that state's big trees; the day, \$292.09. Old Salem State park, of Illinois, which takes in the former home of be associated with military memories.

Scenic wonders are as various as the panorama from the river bluffs of the Nelson-Dewey State park of Wisconsin, the curiously modelled gorges of ter. the Mashamoquet Brook State park of Connecticut, the canyons and gulches of the Starved Rock State park of dunes of the proposed lake front park G. N. O. O. F. here last Tuesday. in Indiana, and the curious geology and mystery water body of Devil's Lake State park in Wisconsin.

Comparatively few state parks were known outside the borders of their own states a few years ago but the automobile tourist and the back-toreal-nature vacationist are blazing their way to these parks in rapidly increasing numbers from ever greater distances.

It is wholly probable that thousands whose married life has begun to the honeymoon music of thunderous Niagara do not know that the American portion of the falls lies within a state park, and this particular state park M. and eight P M. Sunday school afhas an interest even beyond that of ter the morning service. protecting a majestic natural wander from exploitation. Its acquisition set for public use. The 112 acres of land May 27. surrounding the falls and the 300 more acres under water marked the first place in the United States where condemnation proceedings were employed for the sole object of preserving nat-

An Iowan may pick out a site in Keosauqua, bulld a summer cottage without paying rent. In many parks camping sites are available for tents, fireplaces are provided, wood is distributed by rangers, and what might precedent. Search your memory and Illinois, which has electric lights, sewsee whether you have not forgotten erage, artesian water and fire protec-

> Life in the Primitive. A wilder and more primitive life is to be found in other parks, such as where 22,010 acres comprise a forest and beaver and elk have been intro-

Valley Forge park and Washington Crossing park, in Pennsylvania, give a hint of the military associations of the themselves to buy this tract. Thus Keystone State's parks. In addition the ordinary freshwater sucker, with there are, in Pennsylvania, reservathe first time in history when the tions under the state forest commis- deeth. sion which serve a like purpose and afford campers and hikers many

square miles of primitive country. Though the state park systems in some states are clear cut and well tial element of a park is that King defined, in others it is difficult to determine from their designations when have easy access. Colorado proclaims a park is an historic site, a place for motoring, camping, or a piente ground. every town of a thousand or more All are equally to be commended, but Connecticut's idea of a state park, camp sites per capita than any other such as Seden Neck, part of a beautiful island on the lower Connecticut, where families may take a picnic luncheon, is very different from that of Wisconsin where you may rent an island in an up-state lake and remain

Kentucky bids fair to follow in the steps of Illihois in selecting historic Nowhere are parks longer regarded sites for parks. Two prospective parks as luxuries; but in New York state of the Blue Grass state are the place they are an additional necessity be- near Bardstown where Stephen Foster wrote "My Old Kentucky Home" and the place of Lincoln's birth near

State parks are being welded into something like a system. Conferences State parks vary in size from the of state park officials are held anLINCOLN NEWS

Mrs. Agnes Knight, 64 years of age passed away last Saturday at 3:00 A. M. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Vashti Mosby, 1030 Rose street, presumably from the effects of a goitre on her throat.. She leaves to mourn her demise one sister, nonresident; four daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Woods, Mrs. Maud Johnson, Mrs. Cora Thomas, Mrs. Vashti Mosby: eight grandchildren, three sons-inlaw, all of Lincoln, and numerous friends. Deceased was a devout Christian, a member of the A. M. E. Church, and was a member of the Daughters of Tabernacle and Heroines of Jericho. The funeral was held at the A. M. E. church Monday at 2:30 P. M. Rev. Knight officiated and was assisted by Rev. H. W. Botts of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and Rev. I. B. Smith. The choir furnished the music. The lodges turned out in good numbers, and hosts of friends paid last despects to the deceased. The family has our sympathy.

Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson of Omaha, pent several days in the city. She s state president of the Woman's Mission Circle.

Sunday was rally day at Mt. Zion Baptist church. Rev. I. B. Smith preached at the morning hour. In the afternoon Mary Magdalene Mission Circle held their mock convention. Quite a program was rendered ous lakes and rivers, to the one-acre by those selected. Rev. M. C. Knight sand bar in the Connecticut river of the A. M. E. church preached. which is Dart Island State park of Other special features on the program was a talk on India and its customs by Mrs. Elmore, wife of Dr. Elmore of the white Baptist Church, who spent 12 years in India. The park sites as in the cases of the Royal rally was closed at night with a ser-Palm State park of Florida, with its mon by the pastor. The amount of luxuriant everglades; the Redwood finance raised during the day by the State park, of California, in which are mission was \$263.15. Total for the

The Daughters of Bethel held their Abraham Lincoln. Practically all the annual Thanksgiving sermon at the state parks of Pennsylvania appear to Newman M. E. church last Sunday night Rev G. W. Carter preached. Quite a crowd was present and heard the instructive words of our minis-

The District G. M. N. Governess, Mrs. Carter of Kansas City, Kans., Illinois, the vast expanse of sand visited the Household of Ruth and

Geo. W. Owens is in Omaha

The Misses Burdens are home from California visiting relatives.

Mrs. G. W. Wilson, S. G. D. of the Mosaic Templars of America, spent several days in the city on business. Messrs. Burke & Wiley are putting

out good eats at the DeLuxe Cafe. Services at the Newman M. E. church each Sunday. Preaching by the pastor, G. W. Carter at 11:00 A.

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Fish Uses Fins as Feet. A walking fish inhabits some of

the small streams of St. Thomas is-The head is somewhat like that of

a round, full-lipped mouth and no Just back of the head, on either side, is a large, well-developed fin, armed wth a strong bony spike. The fish use these fins to crawl or "elbow" their way out of the water and to cling to half-submerged logs stumps. The name "walking fish" is derived from this faculty of actually walking or climbing out of

Perhaps the strangest feature of all is the tail, which is soft and boneless, and composed almost entirely of a most delicate arterial network, for it is through the tall that this fish secures its necessary supply of oxygen while out of the water. While in the water respiration takes place through the gills, as with other fish. As long as the fish can keep its tail in the water or in contact with wet sand or mud it can remain out of the water indefinitely.

That First Impression. Mrs. Burton was paying a social afternoon call on Mrs. Templeton. "And what do you think of your new

neighbors?" Mrs. Burton asked. "Well, you know, I haven't called on them yet, but, from what I've seen of them, I can't say that I think very

much," Mrs. Templeton replied.

"Maybe you shouldn't form an opinion so soon," Mrs Burton ventured. "Oh, yes, I'm perfectly safe in that," Mrs. Templeton assured her. "The inion I form of anyone at first eight usually correct. Yes, ma'am, what I think when I first see anyone is nearly always what I think later."

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